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## Student union proposal on the table

By Eric Morrison  
Whalesong Reporter

UAS is pondering the idea of leasing a building on Glacier Highway to use as a student union. Student Government is desperately seeking students' opinions for the development of this project.

The idea of the student union is not to overshadow the proposed Recreation Center, merely to develop a place where students have the opportunity to indulge in some leisure activities. UAS is considering a five to seven year lease agreement with the option to buy, leaving a loophole to back out eventually if it is an unsuccessful venture.

Ideas for the student union include a climbing wall, pool tables, air hockey, and possibly an opportunity for aerobics. The building has the potential ability for guest speakers, comedians, bands and school dances. "There's a lot of 'could's', a lot of things it could do," said Student Body President Josh Horst.

This could be an expensive investment for the entire school, both students and administrators alike. "The price we pay is that it is a fairly old building, it's nothing new.

And students will have to pay a fee. That fee could be as high as \$100 a semester," said Horst.

Although it is still up in the air, the ball is rolling and a final decision will be in relatively soon. Later this month Bruce Gifford, Regional Director of Student Services, and Carol Griffin, Director of Administrative Services, inform the Board of Regents regarding the statement of the decision made by student government.

On Friday, April 23, the university will be hosting the "Spring Fling" dance at the building under consideration. "We're trying to give students an opportunity to test drive the new building. To get as many students in there so they can look around and dream a little dream of just how cool this thing could be," said Horst.

On Monday there will be the UAS Student Government general election debate at 12:30 pm in the Mourtant Cafeteria. Following the debates from the candidates, there will be time for candidates and other students to express their ideas, concerns, and the good and bad aspects of the student union building. The following two days will be the general election, that will contain the proposition on the ballot for the student

union. The outcome of this proposition will be taken as an advisory vote. Thursday student government will "make a seemingly final decision," as Horst puts it.

This building will not replace the need of a rec building, it is only with the idea of enhancing the quality of activities on campus.

"We're really trying to avoid the perception that this is a rec center. We're purposely excluding basketball, locker rooms, and anything of that nature that says it's a gym. Because it's not," said Horst. "The focus of this whole thing is the student union aspect, a place for students to hang out."

"One thing that's overlooked is club development, room for clubs to grow. That's what the student union could give. There's only so much room for clubs right now [on campus]," said Dave Kleinpeter, adminis-

trative assistant for student activities.

The future of this project is in the hands of the students. "This thing is going to be whatever students ask for," said Horst. The Student Government needs ideas and support for the proposed student union build-

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The building under consideration

Photo by Eric Morrison

## The joys of flying in a Blackhawk helicopter

By Wonder Russell  
Whalesong Girl

I couldn't have asked for a more perfect day; no classes, no work, skimming over the ice fields in a Blackhawk helicopter opposite several muscle-bound camo-clad Guardsmen. The sun was beaming and so was I.

When I was a senior in high school, I wondered how I would get through four, possibly even eight years of school on my \$1300/year allowance, that being my PFD. I pursued several avenues of possibility—the Marines, the Navy, and ROTC. I had wanted to fly jets; my grandfathers and several cousins had all served in the armed forces. Thus, I was immediately interested when I was offered a rare opportunity—to fly with the Juneau chapter of the National Guard in their brand new machine and find out just what they do.

And so it was that I climbed up into one of the forward seats of a beautiful black "Longhawk", a Blackhawk with long-range tanks. Once the four-point seatbelts were deciphered, I strapped myself in letting my camera dangle free, and adjusted the mike so I could chat with the two pilots up front, Ron Swanson and Harry James. We rolled forward slightly, then pulled smoothly away from



Great views are only part of the benefits...

Photo by Wonder Russell

the ground, peeling over the airport and Fred Meyer, cutting away from metropolis and into a forested canyon. "I hope none of you mind flying at low altitudes," Swanson had mentioned to our group, "Cause these guys kind of get a kick out of it." One of our pilots called flight service on the radio, opening the flight plan that would take us to Haines.

With "11 souls onboard" we cut through the trees at about 200 feet above ground level.

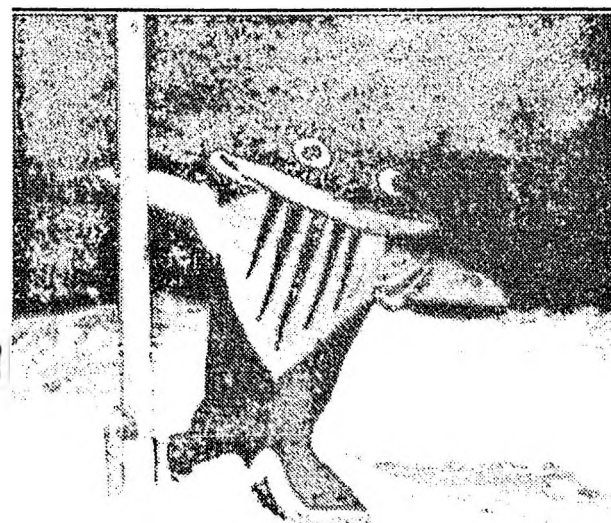
The pilots were casual, listening to Problem Corner in between pointing out areas of local interest such as gold mining operations, and making position reports. "Point Benjamin, 500, for Haines." Completely unique to the Southeast area, these reports tell where the aircraft is, their altitude, and their destination. They also talked about next year's air show, which Swanson promised would be "much bigger" than those previously seen in Juneau. Swanson hopes to bring more civilian acts to the show, including aerobics, as well as the elite machines of our armed forces—"F-15's or 16's, some A-10's, a Harrier."

Being a student pilot, I asked Swanson if he had a preference between airplanes and helicopters. "Both have their challenges and high points," he said, but mentioned that the Blackhawk, which he calls "a lot of fun to fly" is used primarily for combat support, and he wouldn't have the opportunity to fly it if he wasn't in the National Guard.

Arriving in Haines, we did not shut down but dropped off some freight and continued on. Swanson said that most "missions" the Guard sends them on involve hauling passengers and freight, training, and "the odd search and rescue." He mentioned they'd be hauling rifles to Ketchikan next week—rather out of the ordinary cargo for a civilian, but all in a day's work for the Guard.

I was surprised at how many of the crew onboard I

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# Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We need volunteers to represent Alaska on the Steering Committee for the Tenth Annual Northwest Student Leadership Conference (NWSLC) at Portland State University on November 19, 20, and 21, 1999.

The Steering Committee meets by audio conference approximately once per month from now until the conference. Their first meeting will be Thursday, April 8, starting at 3:30 pm Alaska time.

As a student member of the NWSLC Steering Committee representing Alaska, you will have a voice in how the conference is managed. This includes decisions about workshop topics, which speakers to invite, entertainment, housing, food, special forum topics, travel options, registration, and many other items.

You will be responsible for attending, toll free by phone, most of the committee meetings (including summer months), and you may be asked to take on specific responsibilities for planning or research in one of the areas of conference management.

Prior attendance at a previous NWSLC is not required. Volunteers should be willing to attend the conference in November assuming funding is available. You must currently be a full or part time student at a college or university in Alaska and intend to enroll next fall. In addition to student leaders, we need advisors and other student affairs professionals who are willing to help.

If you're interested, please contact Brian Brubaker by Thursday, April 22, 1999, care of the Coalition of Student Leaders of the University of Alaska (address below). Please include your name, current and summer mailing address, phone number, and email address. Tell us if you're affiliated with any student government or student clubs or organizations and what college or university you attend.

Coalition of Student Leaders  
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Dear Editor;

I am writing to share information with UAS students about a unique opportunity to work part time, earn extra money, and gain experience in the field of developmental disabilities. Knowing that students' schedules are often changeable, this opportunity may be just what some students are looking for.

The job title is "respite provider." In this job, once an applicant has gone through the training and application process, they will be matched up with one or more families to provide respite care.

The job duties revolve around providing companionship or care to a person who experiences disabilities. This gives parents a chance to have a night out, make appointments, meet with friends, or just relax.

I will be offering a training program in May for people interested in learning more about respite. Anyone who is curious about respite and the training should call me for more information at 586-8228.

Sincerely yours,  
Mary Nelson  
Respite Coordinator  
REACH, Inc.

The Drunk

I drank 'cause it was fun-  
Gave me an excuse to do stupid stuff...  
Maybe I got a bit too stupid-  
Harder to look in the mirror and like what I see.  
Guess I need a new mirror, one that will tell me  
What I want to hear, one that will show me  
What I want to see, one that will lie to me.  
"Everyone's doing it," the mirror says.  
"Those people don't understand you," it hisses.  
"It never happened at all," it assures.  
One day my mirror told the truth to me;  
I saw what I had become...  
I truly saw how I had hurt others and myself-  
I need another drink.

-Xman

ME (Then)

My oh my am I HIGH,  
Feel so good I can FLY,  
No pain no feeling, NUMB,  
Feel smart but act DUMB,  
Waiting time doing nothing  
Progress halted feels like I'm smothering  
Between Drink and Drag,  
Start to Feel as though I've been HAD

ME (Now)

Lead life, don't let it lead you,  
Make Progress until complete in control,  
Use your skills everyday,  
Be at my best mentally,  
Be at my best physically,  
Do the job, don't let the job do you.

ME (Future)

Performing at top level,  
Standards high, Not ME,  
Use the Rest to become the Best,  
Have skills and Power  
I'm on the top of the TOWER,  
Don't look back and Dwell,  
Found my life, made a mill...  
I'm the Man my father wasn't,  
I CONTROL Life, It doesn't control ME

-Red Dog

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# Savings accounts are like pizza...

By Joe Parnell  
*Whalesong* Reporter

It's said we learn from our mistakes. In that case I should be a genius. For years I drove a truck and every day I felt like I was in a coffin on top a loud 16 piston diesel. But the checks came in and my savings grew until I decided to start my own business so I could be the boss and in theory, get rich so I wouldn't have to work at all and could devote my time to service of humanity, being the wonderful lot they (we) are.

I decided to sell pizza, mostly because I like to eat pizza and it seemed most everyone else did too. Shouldn't be hard, I reasoned in my four and one half years of college head, some crust, some sauce, some cheese, a few toppings, and voila, the magic pizza. I could get some high school kids to man the stations and I'd spend my days on the beach in Mexico determining the best way to help humanity in between surf sessions. I figured my aggressive charm would carry me through the finer points of production, advertising, accounting, distribution, equipment, personnel, ordering, cleaning, inspections, permits, product line, etc. In retrospect, I can report, if you don't know anything about making pizza, and you don't know anything about business, you probably shouldn't go into the pizza business.

Alas, I did some research, sitting in my favorite pizza carry-out for an hour, watching them operate. Got recipes from the library. Tried a few in the kitchen at home. My friend gave me a Chef-Boy-Ar-Dee box. Then I went shopping. At a huge warehouse of used restaurant equipment in Columbus,

Ohio, I said, "I'm starting a pizza business, got any trays?" I left with ovens, a dough mixer, a refrigerator prep table, and lots of little stuff, less \$10,000. The gentleman who owned the store swore on the Holocaust numbers engraved into his arm it all worked. He said, "after going through that, believe me, money isn't the important thing, I want you to have good equipment." After getting to Alaska and setting up, I discovered about half of it did. But breakdowns are just part of life. Every truck driver knows that.

This introduces my first lesson to those who dream of starting their own business. Be diligent. Check out everything you take in and send out. I didn't and now I'm singing the blues, which is possibly my next attempt at self-employment.

I drove the stuff to Juneau, a quirk of the natural order so I figured a good place for me. I looked for a place to rent but couldn't find anything approaching reasonable for a year. Something else to consider for neophytes, where will your business go? In a fit of utter desperation I went to a church and prayed, leaving \$5.00 on the pulpit. Two days later a guy called and said he had a room in a building for \$250, a month. Someone had mentioned to someone that I was looking for a place. I thought God was giving me a message. But coincidence is not destiny fellow dreamers, hence is coined the term, coincidence. The catch was that I had to set up in Haines, Alaska. An eclectic town of 1500 persons, supposedly growing, four hours ferry ride north of Juneau with three other pizza outlets already. A market study would have helped, though in my opinion isn't as critical

as having a good product, and expecting divine intervention may have been wistful.

However I almost pulled it off. I was breaking even and could see some light in the pizza box after six months. If you can get a good system going to save time, add a product line or two, and open other stores, one could make money. But the landlord was ceaselessly venting his personal problems on me, yelling at me for everything from putting in my contact lenses in the bathroom to having a rickshaw I gave people rides in. This broke the pepperoni stick. On top of the work, stress, capital investment and uncertainty any of it would pay off, and looking into the dearth of winter in a small town in Alaska. I decided to punt. I sold my equipment for half its cost and was so embarrassed by the whole fiasco I didn't even report the total loss on my taxes. More proof of how stupid I was, I could've got tax credits.

The pizza, well, at first it wasn't so good. No salt in the crust. One guy, from the church I attended no less, told me his dog wouldn't even eat it. Like what, I didn't feel bad enough already he told me it sucked so bad he wouldn't eat it, he had to add that his dog wouldn't even eat it. Funny thing though about pizza, one dog can hate it and the very next one may think it's the best pizza he ever had. I made him another and it was better. In fact, if you make three thousand pizzas, you can't help but get better, especially if you have to eat it every day. What makes me chuckle is when I didn't know how to make a pizza that's what I wanted to do, now that I know how, I have absolutely no desire.

Politics is my next lesson for they too

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## Letters from Albania

Compiled and edited by Cherilyn Johnson  
Whalesong Reporter

The following excerpts come from e-mails sent by Robert Provost, Jr., serving with the Abraham Lincoln Foundation in Tirana, Albania:

### Monday, 29 March

For five days now we have heard the NATO war planes rumbling high overhead. So far, however, we are in no immediate danger. We have discussed a few action plans should a wider Balkan war erupt. Thank you for your concern and prayers.

Everyone is nervous. This is real war, not an air show. It is frightening. No one knows what the madman/butcher in Belgrade will do next. Pray for the genocide to stop. Please do not be misled, this is real genocide. There is no other term for it. The stories we are hearing from the refugees are horrific. I cannot conceive of such atrocities - and they have experienced them.

Whether or not you agree with the US/NATO effort, please put aside the arguments for now and pray, and seek to help us find a way to help these suffering people.

### Tuesday, 30 March

Today we spent roughly five hours at the Tirana refugee camp. We bought all the food we could afford and went over there. The Albanian Red Cross was organizing the food supply for the camp of around 2,000 refugees.

We split up and went throughout the camp speaking with various people—listening to them tell us how they were forced to leave their homes at Serb gunpoint, and trying to share an encouraging word of hope. While they all speak Albanian, they have a very different dialect - which even our Albanian friends have a hard time understanding.

By the way, these are not terrorists. These are simple mountain people. They were forced to leave quickly and everything they had of any value was stolen by the Serb police. Most left with only the clothes on their backs. They do not even have passports or identification cards as the Serbs took them away as well—a sign that they will not be permitted into Kosova again.

Many told us of the same atrocities (and worse) that we all have been reading about. These are not cleverly conceived stories to influence the West to keep up the pressure on Belgrade. These horrible things occurred. All of our hearts were truly broken over the plight of these suffering people. Many cried as they told their stories.

### Wednesday, 31 March

We went back over to the main Tirana refugee camp this morning to assess what we could do today and then to work on a strategy for the next few days. Here is the outline of our current priorities with regards to the refugee camp work:

1. Keeping the bathroom facilities clean. We cleaned out the main indoor bathroom facility today and will be organizing the Kosovars to take over this job shortly. We will continue to supply the cleaning materials and then will work ourselves out of that job.

2. Supplying the people with fruit. We are planning on one piece a day now, depending on the costs. We hope to be able to offer more. Others are bringing bread, etc., but until now, no fruit. We brought three boxes of bananas today. The people receiving them were appreciative (only about 500). We hope to supply the whole camp (maybe 2,500).

Let me assure you, trying to take care of 2,500 people is a huge task. More are coming and another camp is being set up. I do not know who will be working there. We will likely continue to work here as we have started here.

The NATO air strikes are now in Phase Three, and we can tell. The planes are more frequent—non-stop—overhead. Please pray. War is horrible.

### Friday, 2 April

That which is occurring is indeed a human catastrophe. We watch with the same horror as you do the flood of humanity pouring in from Kosova. Like you, our hearts are aching and we are doing all we can on our end to help some of those who have lost everything.

Again today we worked with and under the direction of the Med Air organization at the main Tirana Refugee camp. We worked cleaning the bathrooms again, and then we began to organize the Kosovars to take over the job. This cleaning area is crucial; we have to do all we can in order to help prevent the outbreak and/or spread of disease.

### Tuesday, 6 April

Refugees keep pouring in. The crisis keeps worsening. Maybe there are 250,000 in Albania alone. Most are saying that the refugee crisis could last up to one year.

## Kosovo crisis affects UAS

Panels and protests inform and involve UAS community

By Cherilyn Johnson  
Whalesong Reporter

Nearly 100 students, faculty, staff, and community members gathered to hear a panel discuss the crisis in Kosovo on Friday, April 2, in the Lake Room in the Mourtan Building on the University of Alaska Southeast Juneau Campus. The discussion, sponsored by the university club Global Connections, was organized by UAS students Yana Polyakova and Wonder Russell. Polyakova moderated the discussion, which featured the following panel members: Irena Ristic, a Serbian national from Belgrade who is currently serving an internship with state Sen. Kim Elton; Zoran and Vesna Kilibarda, Montenegrin nationals living in Juneau (Serbia and Montenegro together form the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia); and UAS faculty members Robin Walz, history; Pat Fitzgerald, history; Clive Thomas, political science; and Tom Thornton, anthropology.

Each panel member spoke for approximately five minutes on his or her area of expertise. Zoran Kilibarda presented a brief overview of the ancient history of the Balkan region, going back to the fifth century. He described centuries of conflict, changes in the balance of power, and forced people movements. Albanian demands for autonomy in Kosovo constitute a demand for "part of the heartland, the soul of the

nation," Kilibarda said, and "Serbs don't allow that."

Ristic, a student of political science, offered an informed political perspective. Wearing a black armband to protest NATO's bombing of Yugoslavia, she expressed herself articulately and passionately. Yugoslavia is not a member of NATO, she pointed out; therefore Yugoslavia perceives NATO ground troops as a foreign invasion. As a member of the United Nations, however, Yugoslavia at one point requested that U.N. ground troops be sent to help preserve the peace in Kosovo, but for an unknown reason, that request was denied.

Ristic quoted experts who say the NATO bombing violates several treaties and international laws, including the United Nations charter, the NATO charter, and the 1975 Helsinki Accords. She said the U.S. and NATO did not secure the approval of the U.N. Security Council before beginning the bombing. Security Council members China and Russia oppose the bombing.

Thomas, in his presentation, defined terms such as NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) and the Warsaw Pact. He said that since the collapse of the Soviet Union, NATO really no longer has a reason for existence, since it was formed to defend its members against Communist aggression.

Walz attempted to present an objective view of the conflict. He said the Balkan states have always been extremely diverse in language, ethnicity and religion. He pointed out that the Serbs lay claim to Kosovo on historic grounds, while Albania (which calls the province Kosova) claims the territory primarily on linguistic grounds. Walz said his main concern is the clear violations of human rights that have been perpetrated by those involved in the conflict.

Fitzgerald, who described himself as an "historical geographer" and a student of "human landscapes," said that he is "not an optimist." In spite of that, however, he pointed out that statesmen and effective negotiators have emerged from the Balkan region in the past, and he held out hope for a diplomatic solution to the Kosovo crisis. But, he reminded his hearers, "when the bombs fly, so do body parts."

Thornton presented an anthropological perspective on the conflict. He described two competing trends in the modern world—"global integration," the move toward becoming a global village, and "ethnic assertion," a move toward political disintegration as people groups define themselves by common origin rather than by political boundaries. Often, he says, the "spirit" of an ethnic group is linked to place.

If the world is a global village, Thornton asked, who is the village policeman? "There's only one nation that can do that," he said. While the U.S. is theoretically in favor of ethnic assertion, Thornton said, the government grows nervous when ethnic assertion threatens global integration and the corresponding economic interests.

Vesna Kilibarda, math professor at UAS, concluded the panel presentation. She pointed out this simple truth—even though Milosevic is wrong, that doesn't make NATO right. "NATO is just making things worse," she said. She closed by quoting from a poem written by the Yugoslavian poet Biljana D. Obradovic:

I am not a man, but a woman, a Serb;  
you shot at me from your grave tonight  
in your poem, in my bedroom. I bleed.  
My sheets are red, soaked with poetry,  
your words strewn all over, haunting  
me—

"The Serb for fear is *strah*."



### "What do you think about the bombing in Kosovo?"

Marie: "I don't know much about it."

Ron: "It's none of our business."

Ryan: "It's not something I've thought about. It doesn't really bother me but I don't think it's good."

Nicole: "I haven't heard much, so I don't know much about it. I don't necessarily agree with bombing anyway."

Stacie: "It's a necessary evil."

Danielle: "I really don't think we should have gotten this far involved. They should have a chess match instead."

Katelynn: "It's either genocide or us killing other people, but I think there's other methods."

M.A.: "The same thing is going on in other places in the world. I don't think the American public is very well informed. I think we're on the brink of World War III."

Sharla: "I think it's necessary."

Ernestine: "It's a military action with a political motivation. I've noticed that people do what they want and make up reasons for it afterwards. I think these nations are doing the same thing."

Judy: "In spite of everything I've heard about it, I still don't know what to think."

Alexander: "I think it was not well thought out."

## Kosovo crisis 101

Or: What the heck is going on over there, anyway?

By Cherilyn Johnson  
Whalesong Reporter

Where the heck is Kosovo and why are we bombing it?

Well, first of all, the U.S. is not alone in bombing Kosovo. The military action is being carried out by the 19 member nations of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization). NATO was formed as a defense alliance against Communist aggression in 1949. The attack on Yugoslavia is the first time NATO has taken offensive action.

NATO's member nations are: Belgium, Canada, the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic became the newest NATO members on March 16, 1999. Operation Allied Force, as the action is called, began eight days later.

The bombs are being dropped on portions of the former Yugoslavia, in a region of eastern Europe known as the Balkans. During Communism, Yugoslavia consisted of six republics: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Slovenia, Serbia, and Montenegro. Beginning in 1942, these ethnically diverse republics were forcibly united under a dictator named Josip Broz Tito. After he died in 1980, ancient ethnic tensions began to escalate. The fall of Communism in 1991 increased nationalistic fervor. Slovenia and Croatia declared independence from the former Yugoslav Federation in 1991. Bosnia followed suit in 1992. Serbia, which seems dedicated to preserving union in Yugoslavia, resisted these independence movements with armed force. The conflict in Bosnia "eventually led to the Dayton agreement of November 1995 which created two self-governing entities within Bosnia," according to the BBC (British Broadcasting Company) history file on the Internet. "A NATO-led peacekeeping force," as the BBC calls it, remains on the ground in Bosnia to enforce the Dayton agreement.

Slovenia, Croatia, and Bosnia are all separate republics that chose to leave the former Yugoslavia Federation. Serbia, along with another republic, Montenegro, remain united as the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY). But now Serbia faces what amounts to the secession of one of its own provinces.

Serbia is made up of the provinces of Vojvodina and Kosovo-Metohija. The population in Kosovo province was about 90 percent ethnic Albanian and 10 percent ethnic Serbs. The Albanian majority began working for independence, or at least some form of autonomy, from the rest of Serbia. At first the process was slow and relatively peaceful, under the leadership of an Albanian named Ibrahim Rugova. Then a more militant Albanian group, the Kosovo Liberation Army, came to power. The leader of the FRY, Slobodan Milosevic, cracked down hard on the KLA. The effect of this crackdown, according to Chris Hedges of the *New York Times*, was a flood of Albanian recruits joining and strengthening the KLA. Even many members of Rugova's group left him and joined the more militant group. Hedges says Rugova's party "disintegrated."

When peace talks were held in Rambouillet, France, recently therefore, the Albanian delegation was dominated by the KLA. From the Serbian perspective, this was like Israel being asked to hold peace talks with the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization).

In addition, an article by Brian Duffy in the April 12 edition of *U.S. News and World Report* says, "The accord proposed there [in Rambouillet] ... was terribly one-sided, a document Milosevic could never have brought himself to sign." About the U.S. diplomatic strategy at Rambouillet, Duffy goes on to say, "The plan was to get the Kosovo Albanians to sign the deal, then present it to Milosevic and tell him to sign it or else. The 'or else' meant NATO bombing."



Protestors outside of the courthouse, Friday April 9

Yugoslavia refused to sign the Rambouillet agreement and hostilities continued. Serb forces began expelling Albanians from Kosovo province. More than half a million refugees have been relocated to other European countries or remain held in refugee camps. In addition to forcibly removing Albanians from their homes and from the country, Serb forces killed many Albanian civilians, especially the men.

Proponents of the NATO bombings claim the military action is necessary to stop Serbian aggression against Albanian Kosovars. They use the words "genocide," "ethnic cleansing," and "holocaust." President Clinton said the U.S. and NATO had a "moral imperative" to stop Serbian aggression.

Opponents of the bombing say the Serbs have done nothing to the Albanians that hasn't been done to Serbs in the past. In an April 12 guest editorial in the *Juneau Empire*, Montenegrin national Zoran Kilibarda describes the situation in the former Yugoslavia: "Serbs killing Croats; Croats killing Serbs; Serbs killing Moslems (now known as Bosnians); Moslems killing Serbs; Croats killing Moslems; Moslems killing Croats; Serbs and Croats killing Moslems, etc."

Bombing opponents also say diplomacy hasn't been given a fair chance, and that NATO as a defense organization is violating its charter by attacking Yugoslavia. There's a possibility that United Nations involvement would be more effective than NATO; Yugoslavia, while not a member of NATO, has been a member of the United Nations since 1949.

That's how things stand as this article is being written, but the situation changes hourly. Interested people should look for international news coverage on the Internet—Reuters News Service is a good source, as is the BBC. Consulting a variety of news sources, rather than depending on CNN, develops a more complete and objective view of a very complex, volatile situation.

## Letters from Yugoslavia

Compiled and edited by Cherilyn Johnson  
Whalesong Reporter

With the help of Irena Ristic, the following excerpts were taken from e-mails sent by Misa Djurkovic, a researcher at the Institute for European Studies in Belgrade:

### Thursday, 25 March

It's 20.20 while I'm writing this. Belgrade goes to shelters since we got the alarm again and information that a big group of NATO bombardiers has entered Yugoslavia and it's on the way to Belgrade at the moment. (Till now most of the attacks were directed to targets in Belgrade, the capital of Serbia with 2.5 million inhabitants. Beside military targets, a couple of civilian objects were destroyed—for example, three schools in the suburb of Rakovica).

Rumors about civilian victims are more and more stronger. Minister of Foreign Affairs Zivadin Jovanovic confirmed it tonight.

The whole Yugoslavia is burning tonight, mostly military objects and airports, but also plenty of factories. Aggression was done with missiles and with airplanes (bombardiers) which came via Hungary, Croatia and Albania. I may tell you just one thing: no matter on all our internal problems... at this moment the whole Yugoslavia is united in one thing: the country is attacked and it has to be defended. I'm very afraid, for this seems like the beginning of one huge mess at Balkans.

Finally I'm finishing this mail at 21.10. Twenty minutes ago four strong detonations came from Batanjica (a suburb of Belgrade) and we got the news that Pristina was attacked at the same time.

### Night, between 2 and 3 April

I just got the news that NATO killers have bombed the very center of Belgrade. They attacked the building of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, which is settled right in the extremely inhabited center of Belgrade and very near to the clinical, hospital center. Last night these "preventers of humanitarian catastrophe" completely destroyed the village of Nogavac, inhabited completely with Albanian population! Teams for saving people are still searching for wounded people under the ruins of houses.

I wish all the best for Easter to everyone and especially never to have such horrible things like we have at the moment. STOP BOMBING! STOP KILLING! STOP RUINING!

### Sunday, 4 April

With every new day (night) NATO is bombing more and more civilian targets (last night 17 out of 21) with intentions to threaten Serbian people and to destroy the whole country. Last night they destroyed two more bridges in Vojvodina. One was destroyed while traffic was normally going on. Result is seven wounded civilians (four of them very bad). I'm still waiting for the explanation.

Finally last night they have destroyed Belgrade Heating Center, which used to provide heating for several hundreds of thousands of flats, plenty of schools, kindergartens, sport centers. How does it come that heating of people of Belgrade can endanger Albanian people at Kosovo?



Beautiful signs of spring.

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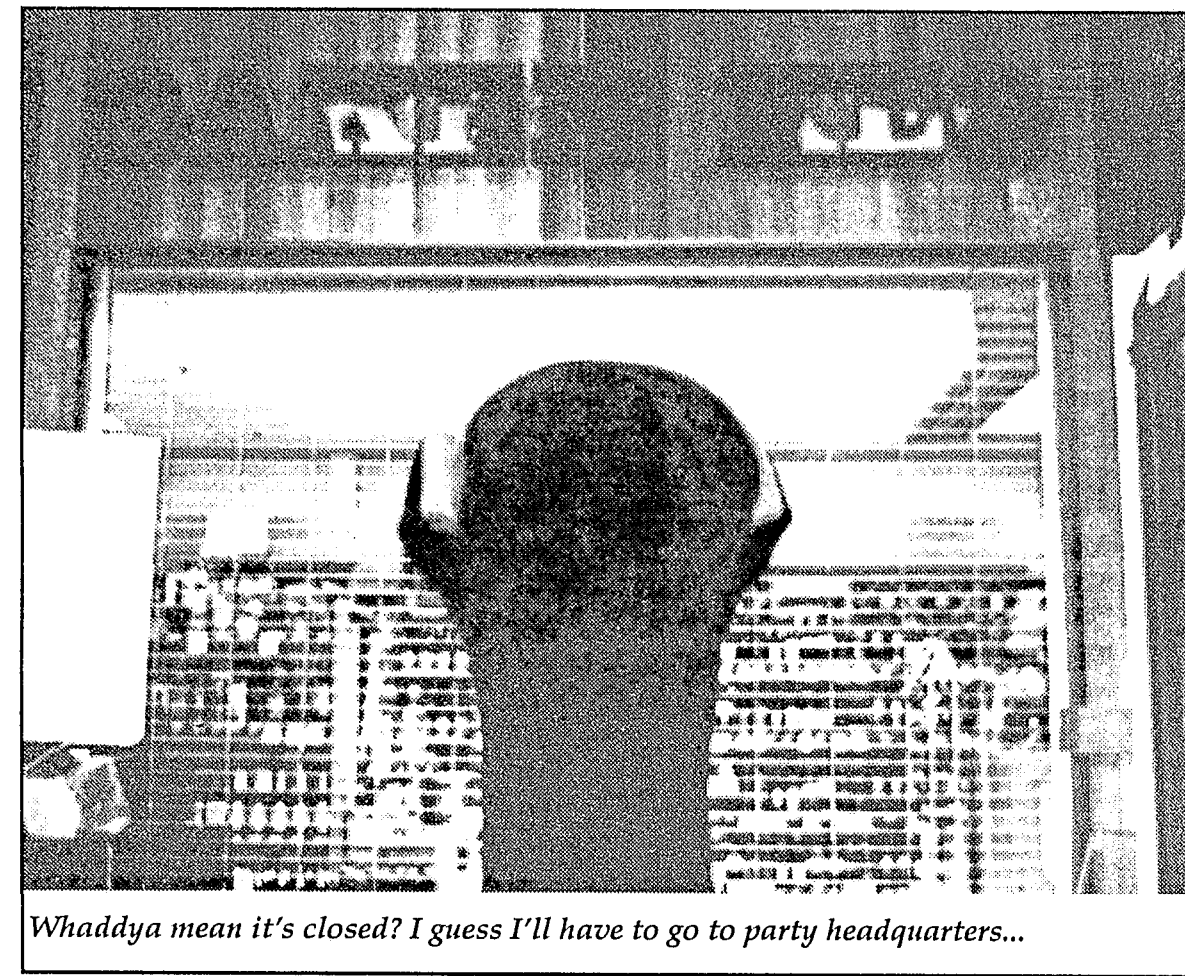
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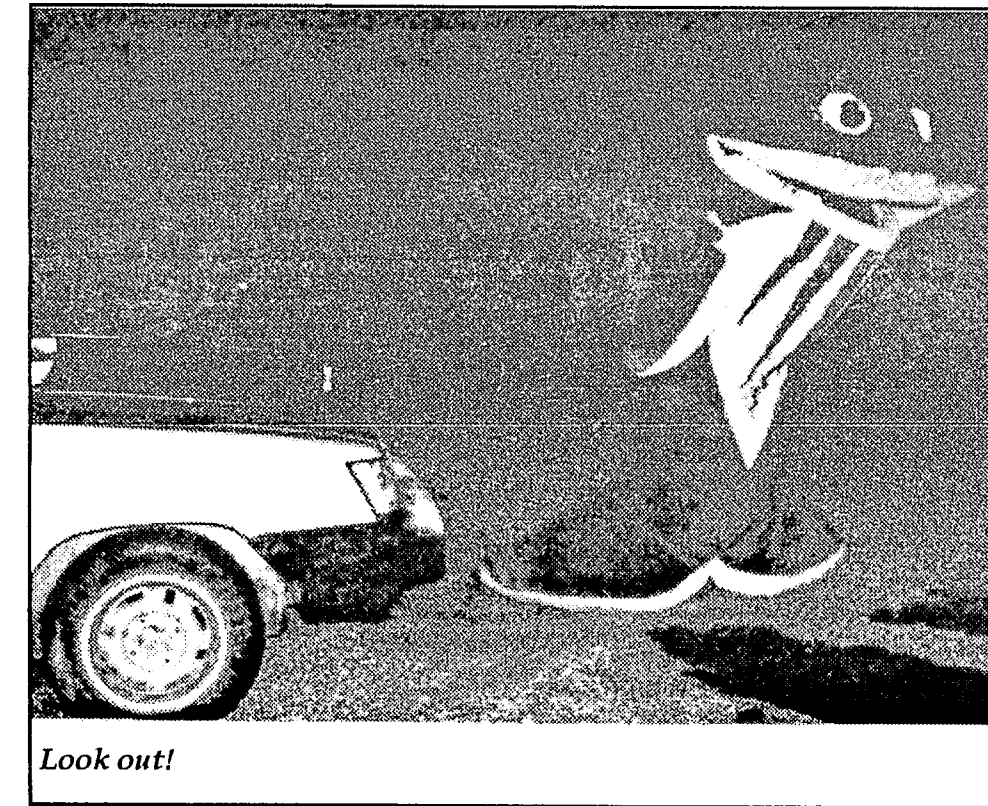
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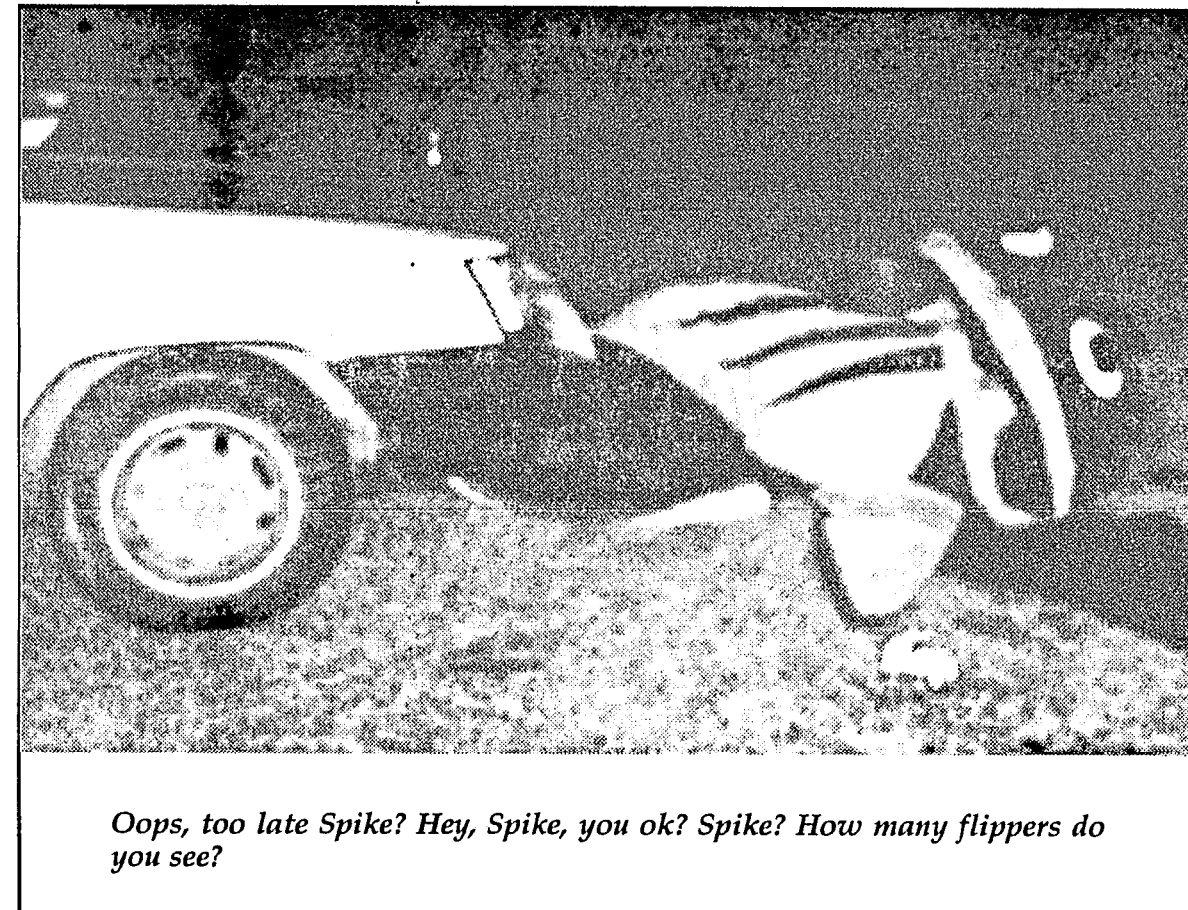
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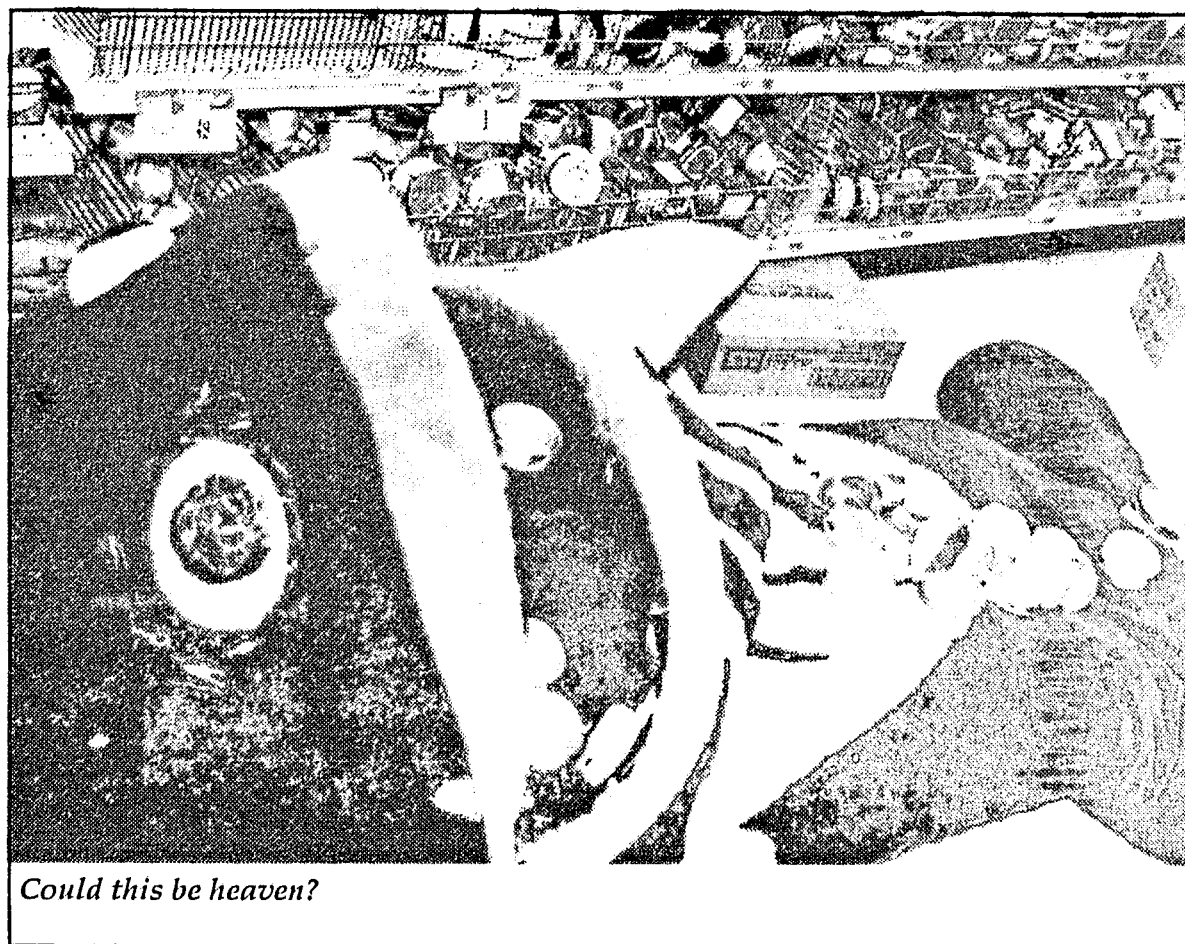
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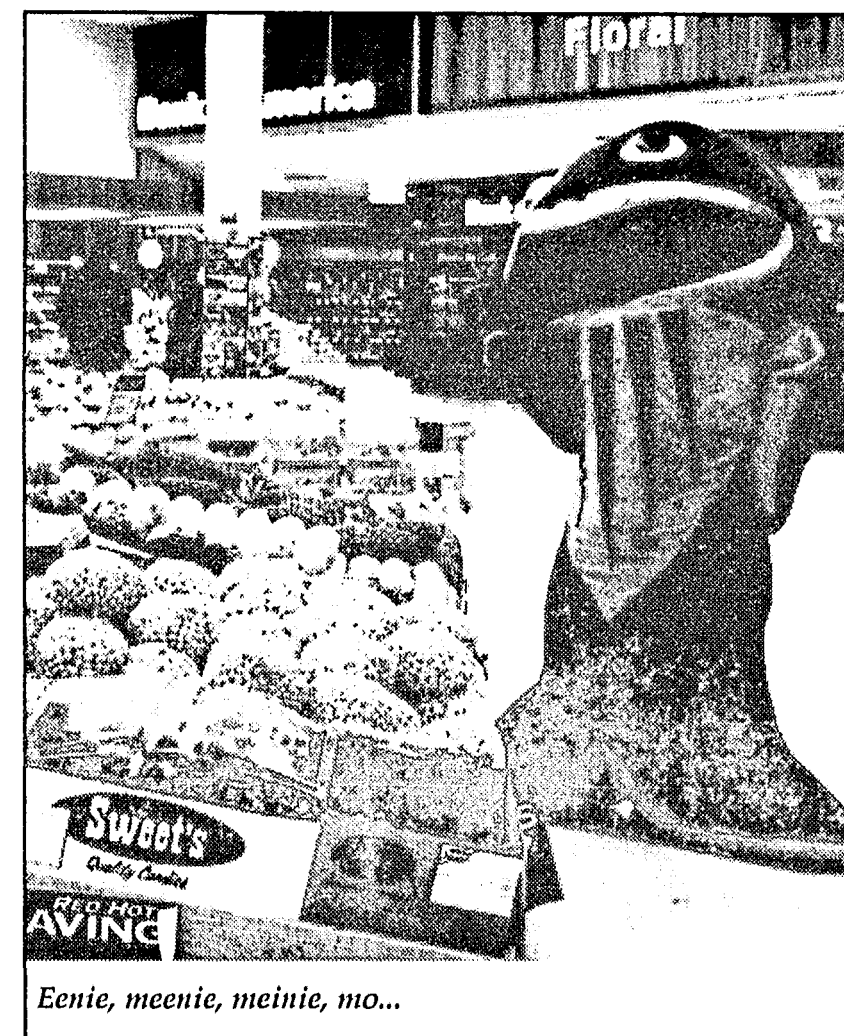
Look out!



Oops, too late Spike? Hey, Spike, you ok? Spike? How many flippers do you see?

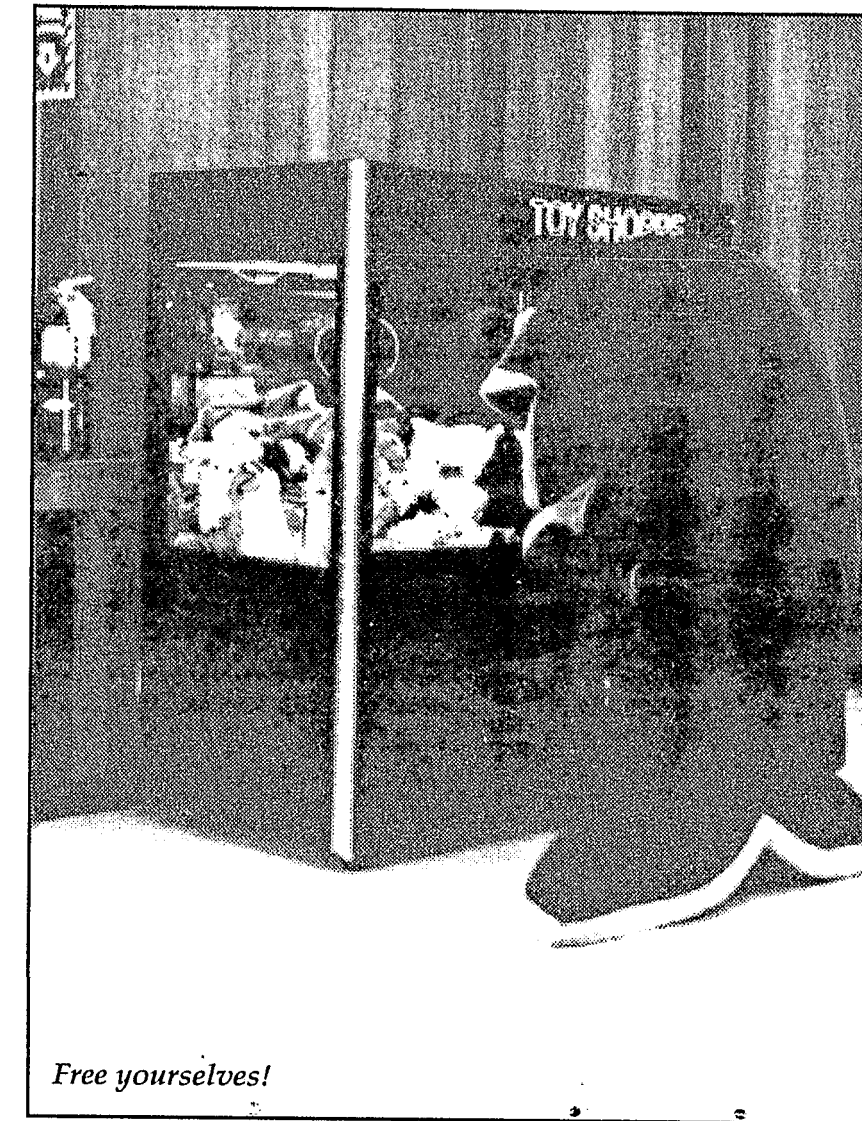


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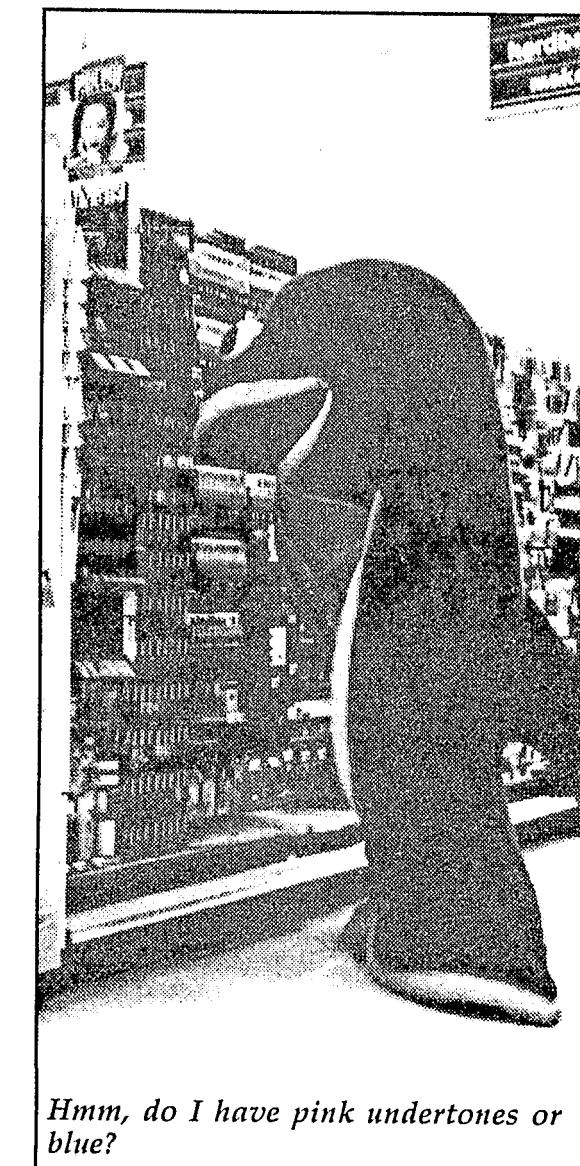


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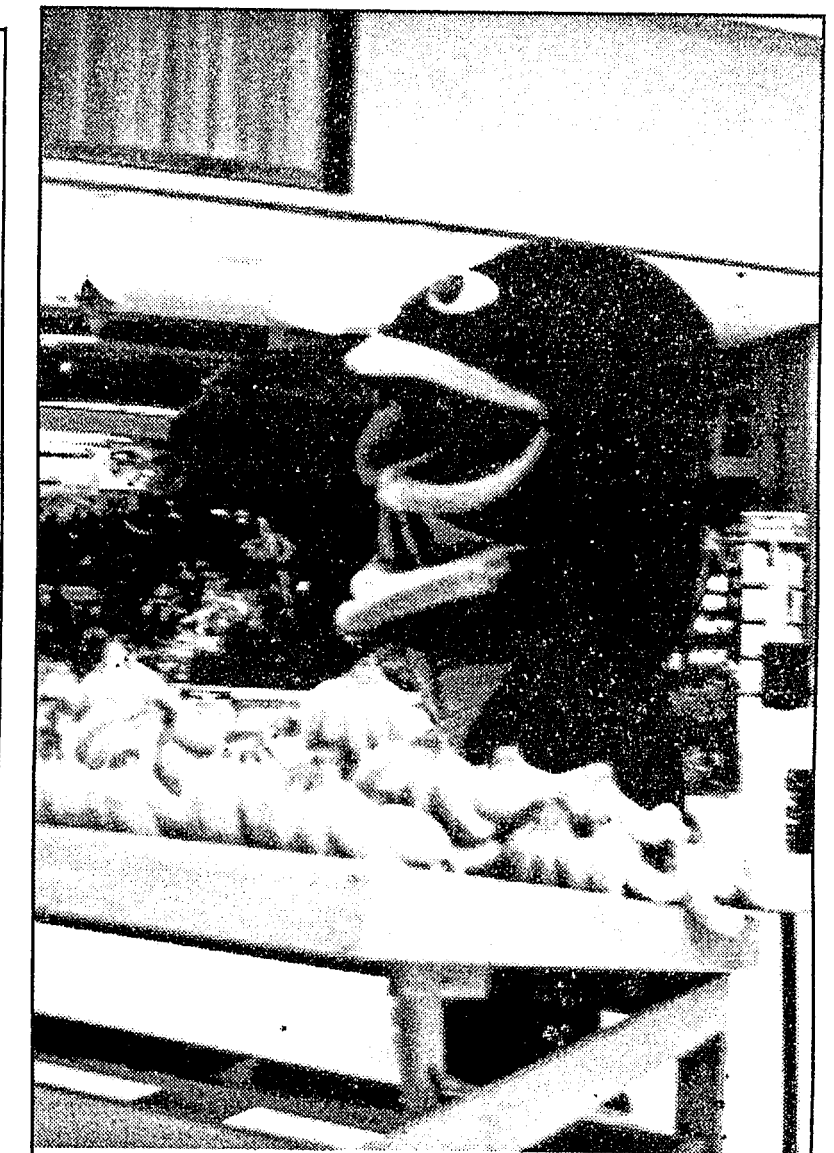
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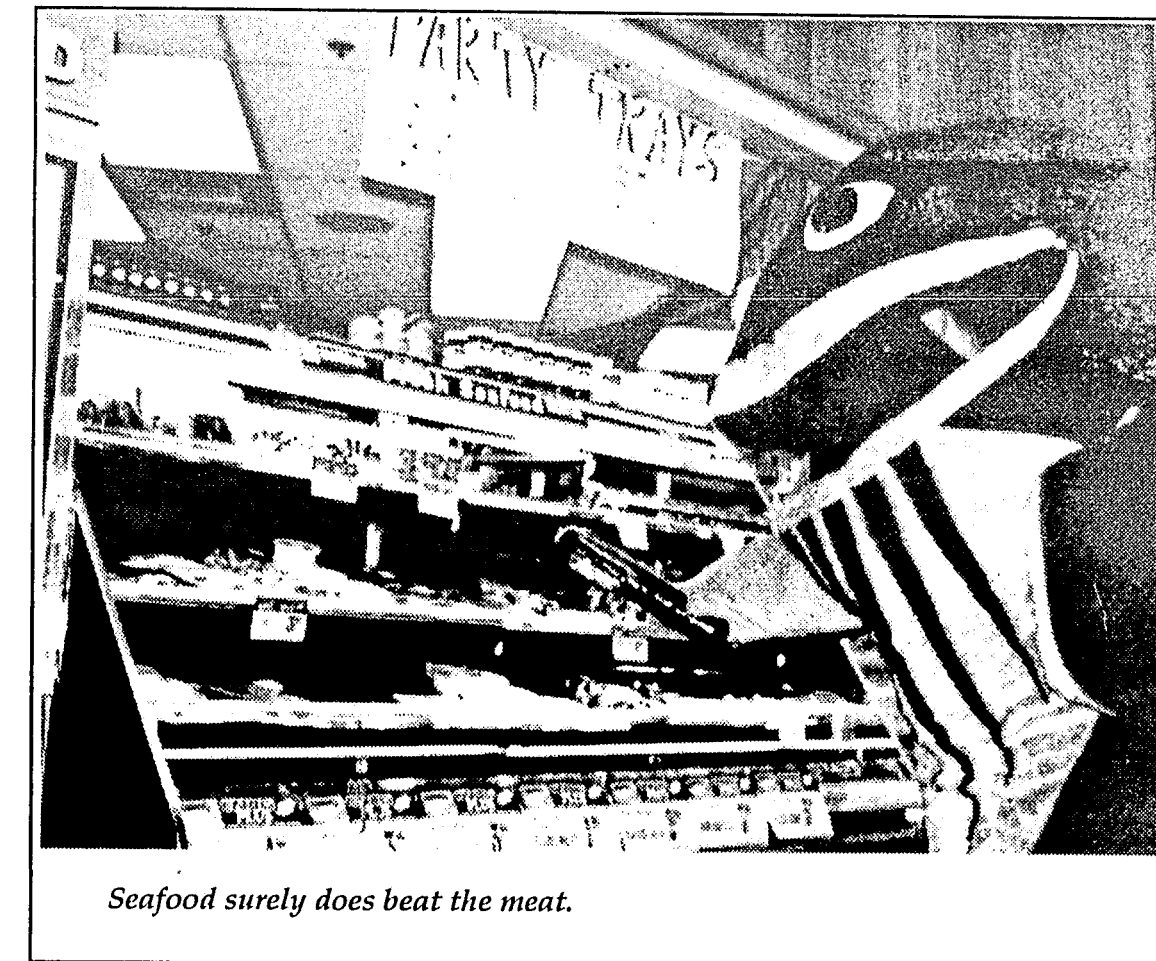
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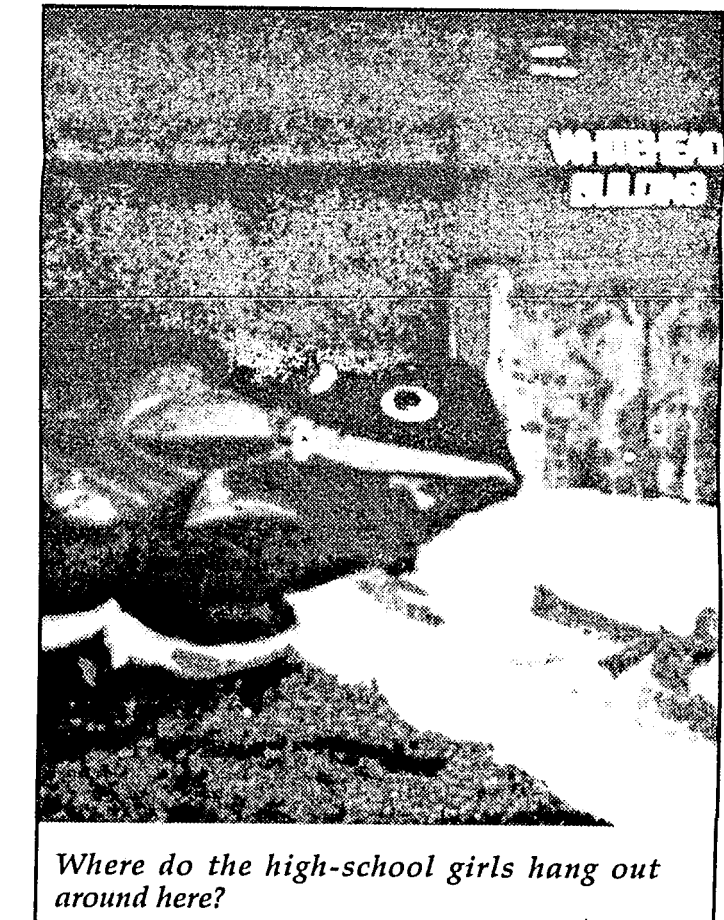
Hmm, do I have pink undertones or blue?



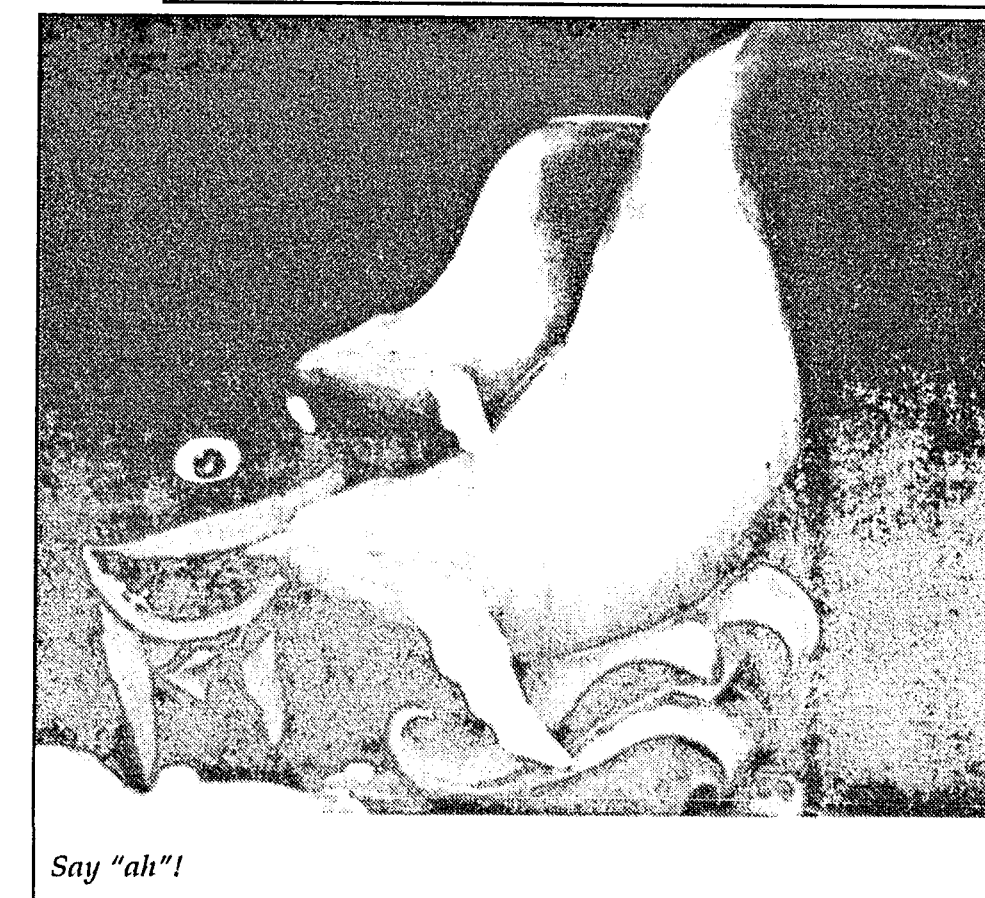
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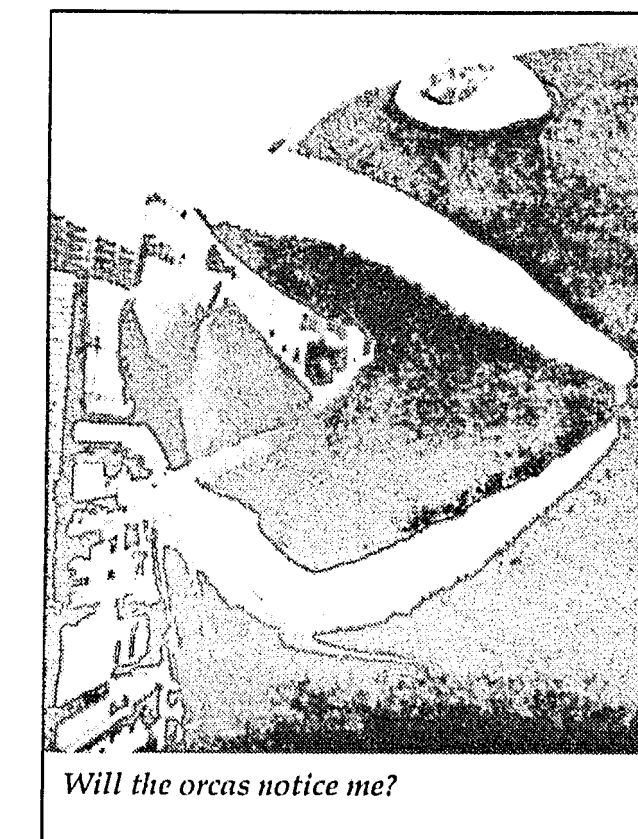
Seafood surely does beat the meat.



Where do the high-school girls hang out around here?



Say "ah"!



Will the orcas notice me?



How come you guys don't get the Playwhale channel?

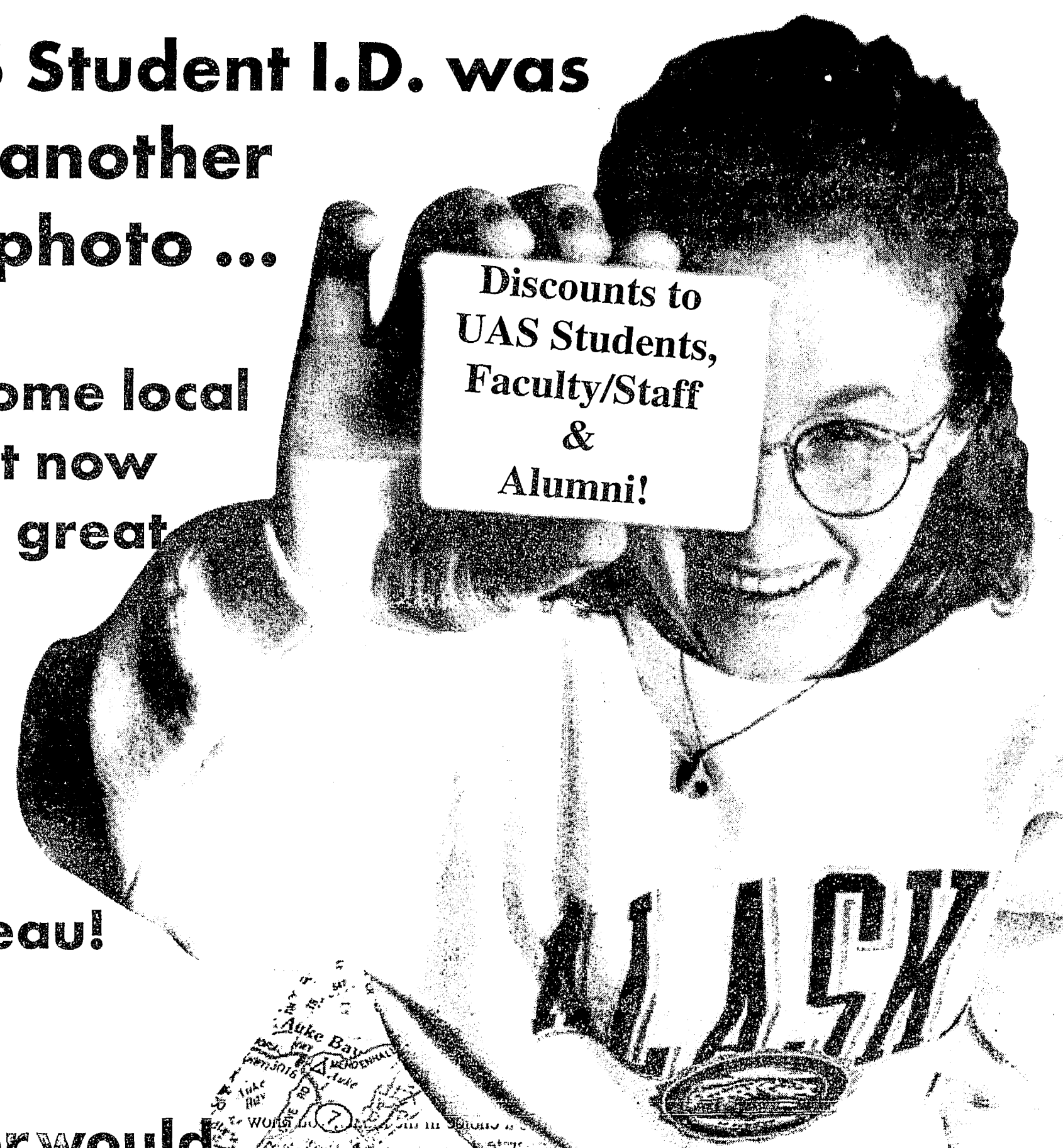


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## Your ever lovin' horoscope here

**Taurus (Apr 20-May 20)** The time of age has come. Remember those movies you watched like Jumanji where the plants had intelligence and size. Well, when one of them escapes from bunker 59 at Elmendorf AFB after pulling up its roots, it is going to Palmer to collect its children. You will be there to intercept it and take them all under your wing. Your plan is to inject its DNA into flowers and vegetables. Once you've created a growing colony they will learn to trust you as their keeper. It shouldn't be too difficult teaching them how to pull up their roots and head to the marketplace to drop off their payload of fruits and vegetables. You will even teach the roses to deliver themselves to your clients. You'll be famous and save the economy at the same time.

**Gemini (May 21-Jun 20)** You appear to possess a very humane quality with others around you. You also have a healthy spiritual side, which you're uncertain about revealing with at times lest you be ridiculed or misjudged. So what are your options? You can remain in the shadows or better yet, why don't you become a god yourself! It's fun and full of wild excitement. Write a letter and application to the great Kahoonah and see if your dream comes true. Just be careful of all that power and of course all the spoils inherent in the position. Don't fall for that crap about the three wishes. Do something much smarter and you'll be much happier. Maybe even keep your position.

**Cancer (Jun 20-Jul 22)** Your greatest personal achievement this year will be learning how to wiggle your ears without touching them. I suppose you could try the old fashion method and stick a needle through your head with a wire on it. When you want them to wiggle, just yank on the wire to make them flutter. But wouldn't it be more intelligent and interesting to develop telekinesis to move objects. Maybe with a lot of practice you could "reverse your retinas" and take a close look at the inside of your head. I don't know about you, but I would guess in your case it would freak you out of reality.

**Leo (Jul 23-Aug 22)** No, no, no! You've got it all wrong. Tryptaphan is not synonymous with Trip-to-fame. The former is something you really don't need, and the latter is something you really don't want. It is true that both can have significant short term benefits but they both also have long term disadvantages. Hmmm. Makes you wonder doesn't it. One thing is for sure, if your brain is already broken (which it most assuredly is) then you won't be able to relate with it either. Try sniffing some super glue to repair all those neuro-pathways and start all over again. you will get it right this time.

**Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22)** Enough of your felonious mumbo-jumbo. You're supposed to be going to school to learn how to incorporate education into reality, not to interject more unrealities and confusion. (well, I suppose that's an illusive concept for you.) 2k=2 can conceivable add up to 6 when using sophisticated mathematics. But let's face it. Most people in society come up with 4. It's kinda like the national average family has 2.5 kids per household. I don't have a clue as to how all those parents can raise 1/2 a kid, do you? Which half do they raise? The upper, or the lower? Or do they just have half of everything? When you go too far in outerspace, it is hard to come back to earth.

**Libra (Sept 23-Oct 23)** Here is a pop quiz for you. (you must take the first answer that comes to mind.) If you were a fruit, what one would you be and why? Really closely examine why you would be that fruit. Ex: If you chose banana, would you like to be peeled slowly from top to bottom with long predictable strokes? Are you going to be green or ripe? Are you mushy or firm? Will you taste sweet or tart, or different? Remember, you must take the first one that comes to mind—it's supposed to be the right one. I would like to hear back from you. Write a short essay in your part time and hand in to the Whalesong office, you needn't use your name. I need some food for thought.

**Scorpio (Oct 24-Nov 22)** Your schedule is becoming more hectic the next few weeks. Your subconscious mind is telling you that it wishes you were a snail instead. (They're top speed is only 1" per 14 seconds, usually much slower when not chasing after a snail in heat.) Your conscious brain ins battling your subconscious and it's wearing you out. I might suggest you go to the surgeon and have them remove your subconscious portion. That way you'll be on only one track. Much more efficient and productive. After all, we know very little about something that runs and hides everytime we get close to it. (Stupid thing anyway.) Although it is truly mankind's "Final Frontier".

**Sagittarius (Nov 23-Dec 21)** So what is it? You are feeling unusual and stranger than you have ever felt before in your life and trying to figure out what the hell is going on with your body and mind. Guess what. You're definitely incubating. Soon you will hatch and won't know what hit you. I sure as hell don't know what you're going to be and no I do not have a crystal ball. We're all hoping it's going to be a life form of some sort. Perhaps a higher conscience entity? Maybe a lowlife scum of the underworld. I wonder if you will even have a choice in the matter, you know how DNA and helix's operate.

**Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19)** Many of your friends have been noticing you have been slouching lately. A less than proper profile and posture no doubt. Have you ever thought that maybe, just maybe you could be an invertebrate? If so, what is it that keeps you semi-erect and allows you loco-motion? What is that primordial goop that hold you together and keeps you trudging forward? (Or whatever direction you think you're going in.) Or better yet, what direction your peers see you going in. Perhaps you could be going in numerous directions simultaneously. There are 5 to choose from you know.

**Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 19)** So you're inferring your genes are remnants of the "crustaceous" period in time. I doubt very highly on the validity of that statement, however it could account for some of the reptilian behavior you have been exhibiting lately. Changing personality and character to blend with numerous environments and situations. Going from flesh tone to green (especially the morning after when you're slithering around on your belly looking for your bed or another drink). And then, a horny toad lizard to top it off. What's next. Will you mutate into an amphibious reptile, jump into the Gasineau channel and scare away all the marine life and salmon runs?

**Pisces (Feb 20-Mar 20)** Now that you're getting near the end of the semester, you should be considering stashing your mouthwash and start gargling with smelling salts. Hopefully you will find where your pineal gland is and activate it. Hey, just kidding. If you did that your mouth would come alive and nobody would ever want to kiss you. But do try to find your pineal gland as it can hold answers of a subjective nature that may help in your retention level come finals. Good luck and yes, you can go back to your own mouthwash. What is it you use? A half bottle of perfume to 24 ounces of beverage?

**Aries (Mar 21-Apr 19)** The ravens are speaking with me and telling of your mischievous secrets. Naughty you! How could you possibly think of cheating on your exams. Well, I suppose if anyone could it would be you. If you can pull this off you will go far in corporate America. Developing that killer instinct in the name of bulging profits. Chances are if you have any friends at all, they will be as bloodthirsty as you. Forget the notion that the smarter you are the farther you'll go. Reality just doesn't work that way. The richest of our forefathers had little or no education anyway. So look to a more substantive level of information to find out much of the truths in life.

Sincerely,  
 Efin Wright

### The perfect rosebud

As we walk through the garden that is life  
 few of us are fortunate enough  
 to experience a vision of loveliness  
 such that

it will be etched forever into our minds.  
 Speaking as one of those few,  
 I have indeed witnessed her bliss  
 Up close.  
 In person.

The most breathtaking rosebud to have ever existed.

This goddess of the garden  
 radiates unintentionally  
 a very strong air of perfection  
 that attracts me like a magnet.

Being human,  
 an almost irresistible urge came over me  
 to try and pluck her from her bush.  
 After much thought,  
 Through incessant dreaming  
 that goes on to this day,  
 I decided I could never do such a selfish thing.  
 She deserves to grow and experience life.  
 She hasn't yet had the chance to bloom.

It was a hard thing,  
 to give up without trying.  
 It was also the right thing.  
 Even now,  
 after some time has passed  
 I can't seem to stop thinking,  
 (nor do I want to)  
 about the paradise that would be possible  
 if I just gave it a shot.  
 No matter.  
 I will cherish her forever,  
 and I will always remember  
 The Perfect Rosebud

-Dusk Bigelow

With exquisite decorum they allow us  
 A life of whose dimensions we seem sure  
 And which they cannot grasp. They were alive  
 To bloom, that is be fair; we, to mature,  
 That is to be of darkness and to strive.

Rainer Maria Rilke

When you look upon the midnight moon,  
 What is it you see?  
 Unexplainable beauty or bliss,  
 A reflection possibly?  
 When you look upon the morning sun,  
 What is it you hear?  
 Could it be the sound of chance,  
 Or time changing in fear?  
 When you feel most alive,

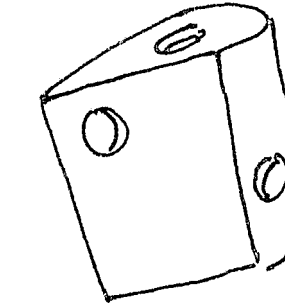
What is it you taste?  
 The bitterness of winning?  
 Does it ever feel like waste?  
 In the wretchedness of losing,  
 What is it you smell?  
 A very lonely highway?  
 A solitary hell?  
 In the vast emotions that shape your life,  
 What is it you feel?  
 Does it ever seem like way too much?  
 Do you wish it wasn't real.  
 Young Male Poet



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## Mr. Deasy (Nestor)

Come, buy some skill, some craft to skim  
"Strange seas of thought alone," and gain  
The tools to scale "summum bonum."  
—(These mixed figures, let me explain,

Are based on Dante, authorized  
In Holy Writ.)—Proceed to camp  
Here, if you wish, along our prized  
Villa's vistas.—Get out to tramp.

If woods are not for you, the rooms  
Are cheap (with scholarships, or loans).  
We offer, a la carte, legumes,  
Emaciated skins, or bones.

Some, kindling friends, find other ways  
To meet their ends: but membership's  
Approved (or validated, says  
The new brochure), by HQ's slips.

Database management systems  
Are cataloged by us so you  
Have access to our ROM's, RAM's, REM's,—  
Video display terminals, too.

Come, pursue degrees of soft, verbal  
Statuaries of gauze—for plaques  
Of bronze on cedar—cerebral  
Documents—for your income tax?

In any case, for moolah, right?  
Why else invest so much, to sit  
Through hours of lectures, read and right,  
But for cash?—Why?—Escape bullshit.

As good a reason as a guess.  
I always say, Every truth  
Will have its day. Make more with less:  
That's all that counts for any booth.

You think we're just a diploma  
Factory? Registered by those  
Whose cryon intellect's coma  
Can only understand in prose?

Our students gawk through practicums  
To gain social stamp,—not learn?  
For magna or summa cums?  
Our teachers only teach to earn?

Their writing's only anagrams?  
Their Muses should be dusted? Earn  
Their living giving you diagrams  
To works that'd be more use to burn?

An intriguing consortium?  
We're just a thank-you-m'am?—Ockham'd  
Need say we're no symposium,  
I would concede, if I grock'im'd.

We may take you through chrysalis  
Though, through to Lepidoreia.  
We'll even help on your thesis.  
So you're not in euphoria?

We have more than a mouthful for  
Degrees for you: psychoanalyst,  
Diesel mechanic, singer, or  
A legislative panelist

Are all options. Get your scratch-sheet;  
Take a blind-fold and throw a dart.  
—I'm joking, seriously. Be neat:  
Punctual, attentive, strong of heart.

You've heard about the incident?  
Communist farce? Just on our own:  
I think they need the messie sent.  
"H.I." "teacher" have those kids alone?

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It's "fiddy-up!" then "Vaminos!"  
But if your time's not free to spare,  
You just block off my dominos,  
Or I'll let them go high as air...

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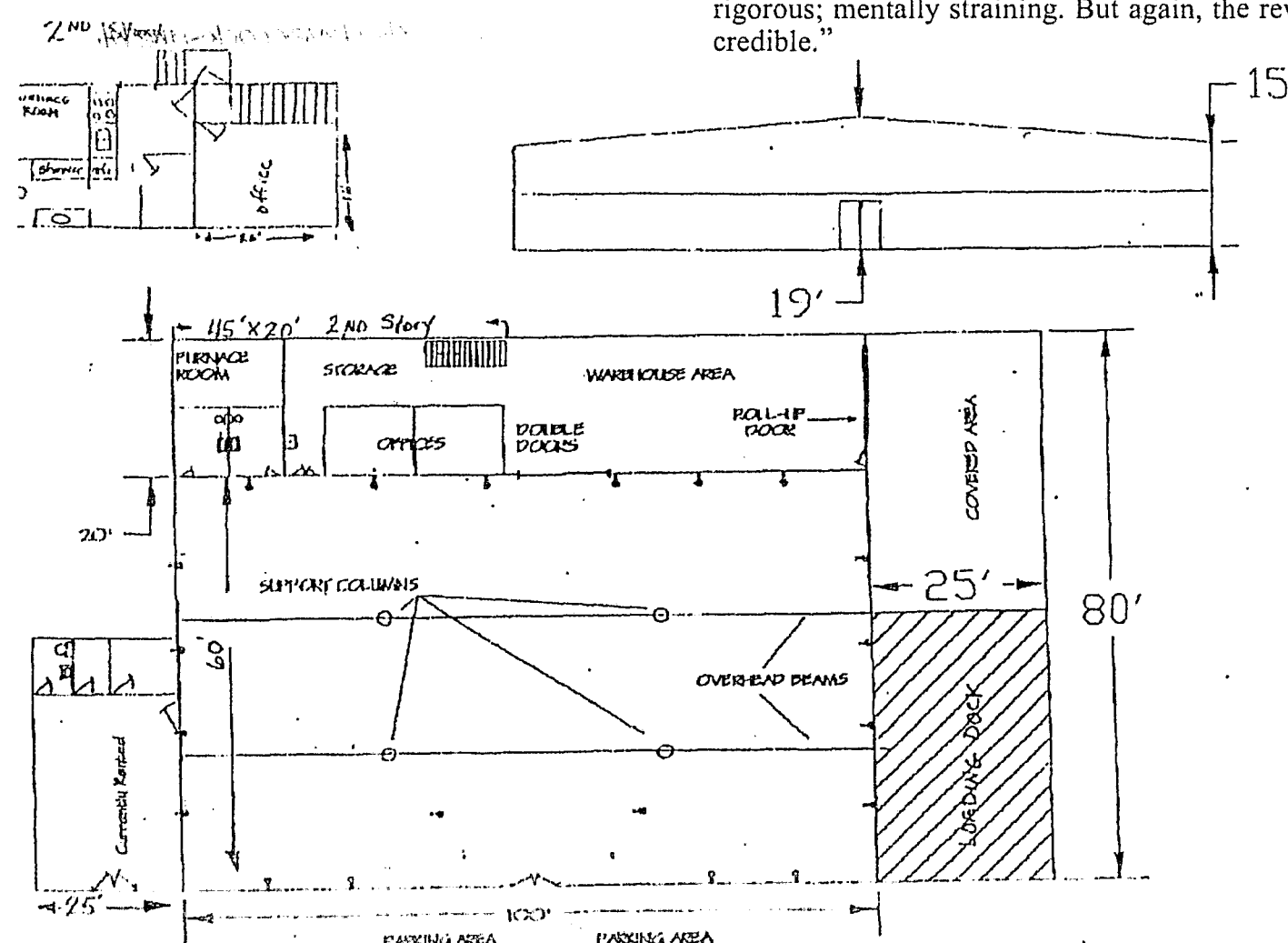
ing. "I think we just need students' opinions, I really need a lot of input from students on this. Catch me walking across campus, call the student government office, or send me an email. We really need to hear the students' voice." You can reach Josh Horst or any member of the Student Government at 465-6517, or drop the president an email at jypres@uas.alaska.edu.



Photo courtesy Wonder Russell  
Is it my turn to fly?

### Betrayed

Silver she slips - sliding  
Molten emotion - she gives me away  
Standing I smile - dying  
With crystal betrayed you read my mind  
I've tried so hard to hold inside  
A tear upon which my thoughts are seen  
I cannot stop this emotion bleed.  
T.E. Lawrence



Floorplan of the Horton building

## ...National

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had met through UAS. Captain Don Mercer and Sergeant Richard Morris I knew through classes and student government, and I had met recruiter Sergeant Russel Beale through the UAS Ultimate Frisbee Club. Pilot Harry James and his wife are both students in the MBA program.

Mercer has been with the National Guard for 14 years. "This may sound cliché but I wanted to serve my country. By being in the Guard I can serve my country and the community, which is one of the big benefits, because I live here," Mercer said when I asked why he joined. Mercer says he was unaware when he joined of all the extra benefits that go along with being in the Guard. He attributes travel and the recent purchase of a house with no money down to benefits he has experienced. There are also a lot of educational benefits in the form of classes and training available to Guard members.

"The courses I was taking were to better myself," said Mercer. "I didn't know I was lining myself up for a full time job." Mercer considers this a very pleasant surprise, saying that the Guard "allows you to advance both your civilian and military career by going to a lot of schools."

An advantage of being in the National Guard is that you are able to still attend school. Most people associate the armed forces with constantly moving to new states or countries where they want you, but the Guard lets you pick where you want to live. This has enabled Sergeant Richard Morris to pursue his degree in marine biology at UAS, his school of choice. "You move where you want. You choose where you want to live," says Sergeant Beale. Morris calls his time in the Guard "demanding and rewarding." "It's definitely showed me how to balance what I have to do," Guard members have the option to take hundreds of correspondence courses for no cost, and get college credit for much of their training, including basic training. A possible combined educational assistance of \$16,320 through the Montgomery GI Bill and the Student Loan Repayment Program is available to Guard members.

With that kind of funding as well as a paycheck, income tax breaks, medical and insurance coverage and a host of other opportunities waiting, the National Guard can be an excellent career move or at least part time job for a college student. Because Guard members have a one weekend a month commitment as opposed to the Army's four year commitment, they avoid burnout and still receive the associated benefits. Leadership development and life skills abound, and, citizen-soldiers, although they may not see combat, are proud to be serving their country. As Sergeant Morris says, "It's rigorous; mentally straining. But again, the reward is incredible."

## "Woop Woop"

### Party headquarters video pick of the week

By Party Headquarters C.E.O.

Just another story of a ghetto pimp who meets and Assie inbred. The New York pimp referred to as "puff-head" runs away from a mob syndicate to hide in the "bush" of Australia. He meets up with a beautiful, young Aussie virgin and they fornicate for hours on end, on the side on an open highway. He shows her the ocean and she shows him her knuckles....

Drugged up, delirious, and face down in pig shit, our ghetto superstar finds himself married to a third generation, mining-town siren. Welcome to Woop Woop. The Mad Max atmosphere and lifestyle almost get the best of our hero, yet he defies the rules and defines himself as a town genius. There are three rules in Woop Woop; You give all your worldly possessions to the town, you can't leave without the permission of the obscurely temperamental dictator "Daddy-O," and last but not least, you are not aloud to "poke" your next of kin (and nearly everyone is related). The town runs on the financial support of "Roo" dog food and the motto, "there's nothin' another can of piss won't put a dent in" and "F#@k me dead." Keep in mind, our young hero doesn't have it all bad 'cause he can always "part the beef curtains" of his slightly disturbed, yet stimulating wife.

Welcome to Woop Woop is a beautifully made, wonderfully acted, disturbing, and thought-provoking movie. The story twists, turns, and wrenches through love, betrayal, incest, beer, the finer points of chainsaw management, and a giant, red 'roo. So grab a can of "piss" and take a "poke" at this film. It will sock it to ya.

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### Faculty comments on Chancellor appointment

From Emily Wall, adjunct faculty:

"I am pleased, certainly, to see John Pugh promoted to Chancellor. I haven't worked with him a great deal, but he's always gone out of his way to listen to my concerns about the Creative Writing program. He has been consistently sensitive to the needs of adjunct faculty as well. He is one of those rare individuals who listens so carefully, you can be sure you are being both heard and understood. I think he will make a fine Chancellor."

From Art Petersen:

"I have known John since 1987 when he was appointed dean. I have worked with him closely since that time as a faculty member and found him to be a talented administrator who cares deeply about and is responsive to student needs, faculty development, and program enhancement. With regard to student programs, he is willing to consider variances from policy 'by the book' when academic integrity is not compromised, making for the best kind of flexibility. I could not hope for a better new chancellor of UAS. In addition to being a good man, he is a leader of long experience in state government and knows the Juneau community and the communities of the Southeast region and the state. I have every confidence in him as one who will help UAS not only to survive but also to grow and thrive. We are fortunate to have him as the person to be our academic leader into the 21st Century."

From Judy Andree:

"John Pugh has been a very fair, competent, and supportive leader in his role as Dean. Fortunately for UAS, as the new Chancellor, he will continue in a leadership role as UAS grows and re-vision itself in preparation for the next century."

## One-line movie reviews

By that mysterious man in Banfield

### Analyze This

A crime boss with "issues" to resolve from his childhood seeks the help of an aspiring psychologist and almost breaks up said shrink's new family so that he, the crime boss, might get through a national crime lord meeting without crying.

### Playback

A man shot in the back by his wife and left for dead returns and struggles against organized crime, crooked cops, and the odds to get back what was rightfully his: \$130,000 — no, wait: \$70,000.

### 8mm

A private dick, trying to broaden his home business, gets his mind broadened as well when he accepts a job from a rich widow to find out if her late husband's homemade snuff film is authentic.

### The Mighty

Macaulay Culkin's splitting image befriends a lumbering ox of a boy and teaches him reading and writing (but not 'rithmetic) as well as how to defend himself while at the same time he struggles with his own, potentially fatal illness.

### The Big Hit

A hip, generation-X hitman becomes the object of an extensive manhunt after he gets blamed for the kidnapping of his boss' friend's daughter, but everything turns out for the better because he ditches his whiny fiancée and mistress for a better life.

### Computing Services Seminars for April

Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Intro to Excel

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Intro to Word

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Intro to Internet

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Intro to PowerPoint  
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## WHALESONG Poetry CONTEST

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April 27

DEADLINE APRIL 22

JUDGES: Meno Young Male Poet  
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# Pizza...

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arrest anyone and that probably helped. This brings up a bigger point if you'll allow me to wax philosophic. Why do some people believe that by bringing others down they are lifting up themselves? Humans weren't meant to grovel. I believe ours are curious, passionate, and industrious spirits. We should exalt in each other and our efforts, not claw at them, hiding behind our job titles or driveways, complaining and whining about those who would attempt something new, their different thoughts or morals. Whose to judge? Bargain hunters?

This leads to my next lesson, believe in yourself. If you know what you are doing and think you can start a business, by all means, jump into the pit of accounting, regulations, answering the phone, cleaning up, etc. It is possible. Lord knows we need capitalists desperately to save us from becoming the socialist state we are. People dumber than you and me do it every day. But if you have a crack of self-doubt, your customers will sniff it out and be wary. Not a good frame of mind for them to be in when you are trying to sell them something.

Oh yes, the customers. Them that it's all for and will remind you. I almost forgot. I thought being one person, trying to do everything, they might give me a break. But never give yourself credit for trying hard. At some level, it probably counts for something but in this realm, only results matter. People wanted a pizza that cost as much as Costco, was faster than McDonald's, taste better than what dear dead grandmother made and served with a smile, consistently. Anything less and you'd better have an ad campaign that borders on mind control. Mine was a surfer carrying a pizza box in an art deco wave. Another debacle being there are no surfers in Alaska, and it also pissed the landlord off. I'm not sure why. Just take my advice. Now that I have a failed business on my record, I know alot about business.

1) Know what you are doing or selling. Study, work in the field or do what it takes to learn everything you can. Knowledge is your most important asset. Everything else can be bought by anyone. This one is obvious but not easy.

2) Have capital (money), lots of it. Ten or twenty thousand may seem like enough to get you started but if needs arise and you can't meet them immediately and service to your customers isn't maintained to their satisfaction, they'll go somewhere else and probably not return and tell others of your shortcomings. Plus, you've got to be agile and be able to go in directions the markets take you for it's impossible to see the future clearly, money gives you that agility.

3) Believe in yourself. Wake-up and tell yourself you're tough, persistent, focused and that no one will stop or put you down. Look in the mirror, right into the little black hole in the middle of your eye and tell yourself you've got what it takes and you're going out today to prove it, repeat this mantra often. It's amazing how what we tell ourselves (and others) affects behavior.

4) Work hard. Work extremely hard. Your competition is working hard and the only way to give yourself a chance at success is to work as hard or harder.

5) Don't do it. When my friends ask of my foray, I tell them I'd rather put my head in a boat propeller than start a small business. It would be quicker and less painful. It's only a slight exaggeration. Is more money really the key to happiness? Are you ready to have less, it's very possible and the odds say probable you will have less if you start a small business. The established businesses have war chests and name recognition, paid-off real estate and they've been through the learning curve. Are you ready to compete against that, then still make some money? And pay the tax man 30 some percent and have enough left over for your standard of living? I wanted to be my own boss but ended up having fifty different bosses every day, called customers. If you're mildly content at your job, remember there's something to be said for getting paid every week and not having complete responsibility and leaving the headaches at the workplace. Being owner means lots of work, lots of responsibility and no guarantee you'll be paid. There are ways to grow personally and even financially without going out on a limb, for example, exercise and mutual funds. Although everyone is different and some will make the grade, lots of variables come into play. Do you have the talent and the work ethic? You'd better if you start your own business.

Oh but I hate ending this on a down note. We must have new businesses and entrepreneurs. I may do it again myself. I want to open a therapy clinic for Haines. It was quite fun at times and there's something existential about being the boss and discovering your true self. And I did learn more in seven months of running my own business than in all my years at university. That's positive isn't it? Or negative about universities?

## UAS Classifieds

Last chance to submit items to the Whalesong for publication before next fall!!!! Don't miss the April 22 deadline!

Moving sale at UAS student housing apt F1. On the porch, unless it's really cold; inside. May 1st noon until 2pm. C.D.s, clothes, knick-knacks, and LOTS of kitchen items from blenders to electric beaters, to silverware and much more. Questions call 790-6487, or call if you'd like to join in and sell some stuff of your own.

Kean and Se, Welcome to the exclusive club. I'll make you famous. Who's the man? You're next, Leah.

Party Headquarters music video will be on sale first part of May. Reserve your copy now. Only \$19.99!

Big Clay Daddy says: It's soon time for the "Final-Ceramic-Solution" Please remove all work AND gear from the studio @ semester's end, or it will have to be given/thrown away.

Wilson- no more stair-diving at the Alaskan.

I think, therefore I am; what happens if I don't think?

Vegetarian woman seeks tofu man.

Chancellor Pugh, please refrain from promoting drinking in they city's paper. Not very professional. Mortality rate at party headquarters is already 25%. Unless you're going to start a pub on campus. Fire Clive Thomas. Obviously a bad influence.

Better to have a pothead than a drinker for chancellor.

Seeking the two hottest, bitchiest women in town, or nice ones who can act, for a music video. See Joe as he walks around looking for his right brain. (Really.)

Seeking grants for music video/artistic endeavor. Drop a marked envelope full of cash in the Whalesong box.

UAS students: BUY A DICTIONARY BEFORE FINALS

Whalesong--could you be more empathic? What about my needs?

Eric--Would you PLEASE LOSE THE HAT!!!

What's good about being on student government? Office space, travel, building your resume, shaking hands with your future employer, helping out, developing skills and having fun. Get your petitions at the Mourant desk today!

Sister whatever your real name is: How dare you call yourself a Courage and generate regulations in the same classified? Release your fear, my dear, if you'd like to try artistic freedom. Please don't bring Brother Courage into the real world. People like you can't handle it. PS: Why did you think he was naked when he was wearing bermuda shorts?

*Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori*

## International Village Fair



The World Comes to UAS!



### THURSDAY, April 22: EARTH DAY

11:00-11:30am, Lake Room  
• International Kaffee Klatch with Board of Regents and international & study abroad students

11am, 11:30am, 1pm, 1:30pm, Outdoors, Sob. Annex or HA 105  
• Spanish language students present 4 skits in Spanish

2:00pm, Outside, Sob. Annex  
• Piñata - who will break it?

12:00-1:30pm, Mourant Cafe  
• ESL (English as a Second Language) Class Presents Their Countries: Visit Iran, Mexico, Russia and Thailand

3:00pm, Lake Room  
• JWAC (Juneau World Affairs Council) Panel: "International Environmental Issues"

5:30pm, Mourant Cafe  
• "El Mundo En Un Vistazo" 1999 Exposicion Fotografica (World at a Glance 1999 Photographic Exhibit)

6:00pm, Spike's Cafe  
• International Open Mike: Music, Poetry, International Issues Debate...

7:30pm, JDHS  
• Of Interest: "Up With People" performance. \$13 for students; \$15 General Admission.

### FRIDAY, April 23

10am-noon, Learning Center  
• Mini Language Workshops: French, Russian, Spanish, Japanese, Swedish

12:30pm, Lake Room  
• "Up With People" Informational Presentation w/Video

All Day, Campus-wide  
• International Language Scavenger Hunt: Pick up list and turn items in at the Travel Center (in Mourant Student Lounge). Prize drawing at 4:00pm

6:30pm, Baranof Hotel  
• Alumni Mexican Fiesta & Auction, \$10.

8:00pm-1am  
• APRIL IN PARIS Spring Fling dance for UAS students.

• TRAVEL CENTER: OPTS. FOR STUDY, WORK, TRAVEL OVERSEAS (MOURANT STUDENT LOUNGE)  
• INTERNATIONAL FOOD  
• GUERRILLA THEATER  
• TRAVEL BADGES  
• INTERNATIONAL CLOTHING & DECORATIONS  
• INTERNATIONAL INTERNET SITES: LIBRARY & COMPUTER CENTER  
• HENNA BODY ART  
• TIE-DYE AT HOUSING

### SATURDAY, April 24

UAS/Community International Potluck

5:30-7:00pm, Mourant Cafe  
Bring family and friends for an International Feast! (Community groups are welcome to bring cultural items for display and/or sale. Please arrange in advance.

International Folkdancing  
7:00pm, Smith Hall Chapel by the Lake  
No experience necessary. Come for demonstrations, lessons, and fun!



Cosponsored by UAS Global Campus Club, UAS Student Activities, and the Juneau World Affairs Council

The UAS Drama class is proud to present:

A collection of monologues and scenes featuring James Thornton, Heather Paige, and Brennan Halterman.

Be sure not to miss this one-time event!

April 30, 3:30 pm on the Hendrickson stage.

Controversial photos of Spike the Whale courtesy of:

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*The Goblin Queen,*

*Elven Ranger,*

and their

*Insecure Sidekick*

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Schelle: 465-4655 or Tish Griffin: 465-6529.

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